

Flood watchers rest

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dents have been advised to boil their water for fear surface water has contaminated the culinary system.

Three other Sanpete County cities — Ephraim, Manti and Fairview — had already declared their funds and manpower exhausted in protecting water supplies from slides triggered by the melting of record mountain snowpacks.

A boil water order remained in effect for residents of Ephraim and Manti.

Sharon Sevy, Ephraim emergency services director, said 15 or 20 feet of the main Ephraim Canyon road dropped Tuesday afternoon, cutting off traffic to the slide areas

up the canyon where city water lines have been damaged.

County crews worked Wednesday to restore traffic, but meanwhile, workers attempting to maintain a temporary bypass line in the Major's Flat area and install a second bypass line from Birch and Maple Springs had to walk in about a mile. The amount of water reaching the city from the temporary line has dropped to less than half of its normal level, and storage tanks are less than half full, Mrs. Sevy said.

Gayle Rasmussen, Sanpete County emergency services director, said the slide-damaged water systems in Manti and Fairview were holding their own.